

TOWN OF LYME  
TITLE: TOWN RECREATION AREAS BYLAW

The Town of Lyme at the Annual Town Meeting held on March 9, 1993, hereby repeals the Town of Lyme Beach Bylaw adopted by the Lyme Town Meeting on March 13, 1979, and rescinds the regulations previously adopted by the Recreation Committee in October of 1982, and rescinds the regulations adopted by the Selectmen on July 8, 1987, and rescinds all other regulations previously adopted regarding the Town Recreation Area and adopts the following ordinance:

1. Purpose and Authority: This bylaw is enacted pursuant to the authority granted to the Town to make bylaws as provided in RSA 31:39. The purpose of this bylaw is to protect and preserve the town recreation properties for the use and benefit of all residents of Lyme and their guests.
2. General Regulations: The following regulations apply to the recreation areas at Post Pond including Chase Beach, Memorial Field, the Arnie Pushee Basketball Court and the Tennis Courts but not including the boat launch facility, and shall be observed at all times:
  - a. Recreation areas are for the use of Lyme residents and their guests.
  - b. All motor vehicles shall be located and/or kept on the road or in the parking lot and not at any time allowed in the beach or field area.
  - c. No alcoholic beverages shall be allowed in the beach, courts or playing fields. Any person carrying alcoholic beverages into these areas will be ordered to leave and may be prosecuted for violation of this bylaw.
  - d. No camping or overnight activities are permitted without the prior written permission of the Recreation Commission.
  - e. All litter and trash will be deposited in marked containers or carried away.
  - f. Vendors or peddlers shall not be allowed without the prior written permission of the Recreation Commission.
  - g. No fires of any kind are allowed except fires in a fireplace or raised barbecue grill after a permit is obtained from the Town Forest Fire Warden.
  - h. Groups wishing to use Lyme's recreation facilities must obtain specific written permission from the Recreation Commission.
    - i. "Groups" is defined as all groups of fifteen (15) or more persons.
    - ii. Groups must use the following procedures:

- (a) A person authorized to represent the group must make application for the use of the area to the Recreation Commission at a date no later than thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled date of use. The group must meet the following requirements:
  - (1) The group shall agree to reimburse the Town for any expenses incurred by it as a result of scheduling the event. Requirements which may result in the group incurring an expense are as follows:
    - (A) Adequate police supervision as required by law and arranged by the Lyme Chief of Police.
    - (B) Placement of portable toilets if required by the Recreation Commission.
    - (C) Arrangements for the disposal of all rubbish resulting from the scheduling of the group event.
    - (D) Agreement to reimburse the Recreation Commission for the expense of hiring extra personnel at the beach if the Commission deems it necessary.
    - (E) Agreement to abide by all existing regulations governing the use of the area.
  - (2) The Recreation Commission must be informed and approve all arrangements.
  - (3) Failure to fully comply with these requirements will result in denial of the use of the area.

3. Chase Beach Regulations:

- a. All domestic animals shall be located and/or kept on the road or in the parking lot and not at any time allowed in the beach area from May through September.
- b. No person may fish from the beach area at any time.
- c. No running on or diving from docks.
- d. No swimming under the docks or float.

The following regulations apply when Chase Beach is officially open and Lifeguards are on duty:

- a. The waters defined by the floating rope barriers shall be entered only from the beach area. No person shall swim into or out of such waters from any other area.

- b. No person shall operate or sail any boat of any kind within 25 feet of the designated swimming area. Boats may not come ashore on or be launched from Chase Beach.
  - c. No floatation devices may be used.
  - d. Use of the beach and swimming area may be restricted at designated times for Recreation Commission programs such as swimming instruction or courses in water or boating safety.
  - e. All persons in the Chase Beach area or in the designated swimming area shall at all times follow the directions of the Lifeguards. Any person who refuses to follow such directions may be ordered to leave. Use of profanity, boisterous behavior or uncooperative conduct which impinges on the rights of others to enjoy the beach will not be tolerated.
4. Basketball and Tennis Court Regulations:
- a. Bikes, skateboards or other wheeled vehicles are prohibited at all times.
  - b. Soft-soled shoes must be worn at all times.
  - c. Posted regulations for the use of courts must be observed.
5. Memorial Field Regulations:
- a. Bicycles and other vehicles are prohibited.
  - b. The use, scheduling and improvement of the softball/baseball field is under the jurisdiction of the Recreation Commission and Lyme's softball and baseball teams. Use of the field by other groups is by written permission of the Recreation Commission.
6. The following regulations apply to the public boat launch facilities on Post Pond, Reservoir Pond and Hewes Brook:
- a. no trailers are permitted at the Hewes Brook car-top boat launch facility (users must carry their boats approximately 100 yards from the parking area to the launch area);
  - b. no trailers or vehicles shall be parked at either the Post Pond or Reservoir Pond facilities in such a manner as to block the boat launch area and/or turn around;
  - c. boats, trailers and/or vehicles may not be moored or left at the Post Pond or Reservoir Pond facilities or on the access roads between 11:00 PM and 5:00 AM;
  - d. no camping or fires of any kind are permitted;
  - e. all litter and trash shall be carried away; and

- f. the facility may be closed to all activities by the Board of Selectmen when required for safety reasons, including but not limited to the establishment of a “safety zone” associated with the Independence Day fireworks display.
- 7. Any activity not in strict conformity with these Regulations may be allowed, but only with written permission and approval and subject to such terms and conditions as deemed to be reasonable from the Board of Selectmen.
- 8. Enforcement: Any person who violates this bylaw shall be subject to a penalty not exceeding \$100 for each violation.
- 9. Amendments: Further amendments to this bylaw may be made by the Board of Selectmen with approval of the Recreation Commission, after holding a public hearing, without a vote of the Town Meeting.